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BEAVERTON “IF I WERE MAYOR...” CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

- Finalists Go On To Compete In Statewide Competition -

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Mayor Denny Doyle announced the winners of Beaverton’s “If I Were Mayor...” contest during the Beaverton City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 21. This is the third year the City of Beaverton has participated in the contest sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association for student’s fourth grade through college.

The Beaverton winner in each category received a \$50 Visa gift card and the top winner in each category will go on to compete in the statewide competition for a laptop computer.

“I was happy with the creativity expressed by the students who entered the contest.” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “I am hopeful that we will have another state winner again this year!”

4-6 Grade Poster Contest: Marisa Padilla

Marisa Padilla is the poster contest winner. Marisa just completed the 5th grade at Ridgewood Elementary School. Marisa’s poster promoted a city with more exercise, increased recycling and carpooling, and an emphasis on green projects to keep Beaverton clean and sustainable.

7-8 Grade Essay Contest: Daniel Tailor

Daniel Tailor is the essay contest winner. Daniel just completed the 7th grade at Beaverton’s Health and Science School. Daniel’s essay included ideas such as: uniforms in school, requiring solar panels on buildings, and a portion of business taxes to pay for food banks.

High School and College Student Video Contest: Shivani Negi

Shivani is the video contest winner. Shivani just completed the 10th grade at Jesuit High School. Shivani’s video focused on homeless youth in Beaverton. In the end, Shivani’s message was for Beaverton to have a call to action to stop funding cuts to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, which supports low-income families with children while they strive to become self-sufficient.

Mayor Doyle and the Beaverton City Council judged the entries based on the criteria outlined by the Oregon Mayors Association. Judges considered:

- **Creativity:** does the student demonstrate curiosity and originality?
- **Clarity/sincerity of thought:** is the submission well thought out and organized?
- **Proper use of grammar:** does the submission contain proper spelling, grammar and punctuation?
- **Subject relevancy:** Are the major points relevant to the role of a government leader? Does the student demonstrate an understanding of municipal government and the job of Mayor?

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist, one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Most recently, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit www.beavertonoregon.gov.

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